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Federal Election Commission Reports Analysis Division 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

RE: FEC ID #C00075994

Ashland Inc. Political Action Committee for Employees (PACE)

To Whom It May Concern:

This Miscellaneous Report is being filed in response to the letter we received dated 9/1/06 regarding our July Report. We spoke with Daniel Buckley and explained the negative/positive entries that are listed on our reports. PACE does not issue any checks to the employee and the money is never deposited in PACE's bank account. Rather the payroll information received shows the payroll deduction taken from the first check (positive) followed by the internal refund when the check is voided (negative) and the payroll deduction taken from the second check written (a second positive). Per Mr. Buckley this explanation will hopefully satisfy the prompting of the letter from the FEC. Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (606) 329-3541, Rebecca Gumm, Treasurer. Thank you. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion.

Rebecca L. Gumm Treasurer